



## June Marie Gordon (Staerkel)

June 17, 1929 - November 9, 2023

June Marie Gordon (Staerkel) passed away peacefully surrounded by family on November 9, 2023. June (also known to family as Tudy and Gypsy June) was born on June 17, 1929, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Harriet (Fero) and Felix Staerkel. Tudy was the oldest of ten and is preceded in death by her husband Donald E. Gordon with whom she had six children, and later in life, her second husband, William J. Selwitschka. She is also predeceased by sisters Ellen Staerkel, Dena Dobbratz, Linda Rose Staerkel, brothers Bruce Staerkel, David (Bootsie) Staerkel, and grandson Johnathan Gordon. June is survived by her six children, Bonnie Glester, Judy Bellamy (John, deceased), Terry Gordon (Rik Williams), Tommy Gordon, Alex Gordon, Philip Gordon, and stepson Billy Selwitschka. Grandchildren Mitchell Bellamy, Jaye Bellamy (Anna), Andy Bellamy, Sara Romero (Gale), Chris Gitzke (Lauren), Stephen Whiting (Stacy), Warren Gordon, Samantha Gordon, Taylor Gordon-Wood (Michael) including many beloved great and great-great grandchildren. In addition she is survived by her sisters Mary Staerkel, Nancy Veith (David, deceased) Jeane Vincent (Bill), brother Phillip Staerkel (Donna), and sister-in-law, Shirley Staerkel.

June married Donald in 1951 and together they lived the nomadic life of a Navy couple moving every two to four years. On a tight budget, June became an accomplished seamstress sewing all her clothing, as well as her children's. The sewing machine, fabric and numerous patterns were always laid out in the house.

June was a trailblazer for women's advancement and achievement. After raising her children, she went on to pursue a bachelor's degree from Rollins College, an MEd. in Counseling, along with an Ed.S from the University of Florida, then pursued her Doctorate in Education from FSU. She also studied abroad at the Yung Institute in Switzerland and studied Imagery in London. She became a licensed school psychologist, had a private counseling practice in Winter Park, and was an adjunct professor at both Seminole State College and Rollins College. Through Seminole SC, she helped start the 21st Century Women's program. June served many years on the Seminole Co. Mental Health Board, was President for the Seminole chapter of American Association of University Women and was appointed to the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council.

As a freelance artist and a member of the Sanford Seminole Artists Association, June distinguished herself in different mediums receiving numerous awards and accolades in both Florida and Wisconsin. She enjoyed creative writing, belonged to the Writer's Guild in Seminole County, writing poetry, stories and children's books.

The funeral service will be held at DeGusipe Funeral Home and Crematory in Sanford, FL with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend and celebrate June's life. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home, or a donation can be made in June's name to The Salvation Army.

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory Sanford Chapel  
905 Laurel Ave  
Sanford, FL 32771  
(407) 695-2273  
todd@degusipe.com  
<https://www.degusipefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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## Reception

NOV **14**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Thank you Deborah Selwitschka for donating to CITYarts to celebrate June's life. We'll put it towards CITYarts 50 States of Peace initiative where Youth will be creating art visualizing Peace in their lives. You as a painter would have loved that , Tsipi director of CITYarts [tsipi@cityarts.org](mailto:tsipi@cityarts.org) [www.cityarts.org](http://www.cityarts.org)

Tsipi Ben-Haim - February 28, 2024 at 05:11 PM

LK

“ I will so miss my Dear Aunt June. So many fond and fun memories. Deepest sympathy to entire family. We love you! ❤️. Greg & Linda Knapp

Linda knapp - December 06, 2023 at 07:00 PM

CM

“ Our family get-togethers were made special with Aunt Tudy. Especially when she would summon the clouds away so it would not rain on our family picnics. She was an inspiration.

Cynthia Mezzano - November 15, 2023 at 09:58 PM

PG

“ You are so loved and will be very missed. I love you!



Peggy Gordon - November 14, 2023 at 06:20 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth Rich and Jane Brewer purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).



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**Elizabeth Rich and Jane Brewer** - November 14, 2023 at 11:05 AM

NV

“ Nancy Veith lit a candle in memory of June Gordon (Staerkel)



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**Nancy Veith** - November 13, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).



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November 13, 2023 at 04:02 PM

NV

“ To my beautiful sister, Tudy. You were my big sister, who inspired me to read, want to go to college and be a teacher. You were the most fascinating, interesting, intelligent, kind, sweet, woman in the world. You gave me the nickname Fancy Nancy many years ago before it was fashionable. I will miss your wit, your charm, your singing with Mary on the phone, and your telling many family memories from the past. I will miss you and love you forever. Love, Fancy Nancy 💕

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**Nancy Veith** - November 13, 2023 at 01:45 PM

MS

“ My dear sister Tudy was number 1 to me. We could talk about anything. We had a special bond together. Tudy taught me to walk as a baby. She showed me how to print my name before I went to school. I went to the library with her and checked out my first book. She took me to many places, homes of friends, downtown, nature walks, and the park. She organized many parties for our family at her house in Oshkosh. What wonderful times together! She made all her sisters beautiful and interesting things. She never forgot me on. I will always love my Tudy. She was an interesting and beautiful sister. What a beautiful woman. I'll always miss her. Love, Sister, Mary 💕

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**Mary Staerkel** - November 13, 2023 at 01:30 PM

WF

“ With sympathy from Linda Brown & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).

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**With sympathy from Linda Brown & family** - November 13, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).



November 13, 2023 at 01:27 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).



November 13, 2023 at 09:25 AM



“ Love, Lynne, Peter and Tracy purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).



**Love, Lynne, Peter and Tracy** - November 12, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).



November 12, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of June Marie Gordon (Staerkel).* ”



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November 12, 2023 at 03:27 PM